



## Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen 2011- 2012

### **It's that time of year to start putting the team together**

As this new season starts, we need to put together a team of youth to be a part of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. These recruits may be from public school, private or parochial school, or even homeschooled in the United States. They can range in age from middle school to junior high to high school, dependent on the team. Let me briefly explain what each team consists of:

#### **Voice of Democracy**

2011-2012 Theme: **"Is There Pride in Serving Our Military?"**

**Who is eligible for the team:** All students enrolled in public, private, parochial high school or homeschooled in the United States, its territories and possessions, or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school in grades 9-12.

**What they have to do:** Record a 3-5 minute essay on cassette or CD on this year's theme and label it. Type copy of the essay and complete the entry form.

**Why enter? :** National 1<sup>st</sup> place=\$30,000 and Department 1<sup>st</sup> place=\$7,000

#### **Patriot's Pen**

2011-2012 Theme: **"Are You Proud of Your Country?"**

**Who is eligible for the team:** All students enrolled in public, private, parochial high school or homeschooled in the United States, its territories and possessions, or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school in grades 6-8.

**What they have to do:** Write and type a 300-400 word essay on the theme in English, with no color or graphics and complete an entry form.

**Why enter? :** National 1<sup>st</sup> place=\$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond and Department 1<sup>st</sup> place=\$1,500

**Let's get out there and recruit students to be a part of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen team.**

**Deadlines (are the same for both teams)**

**November 1, 2011**- Student entries to the post  
**November 14, 2011**- Completion of Post judging  
**December 5, 2011**- Completion of District judging  
**January 6, 2012**- Completion of Department judging

And let's not leave out the hows of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen teams. Just how will you participate and promote the program in your community? Think of it as developing a team. First you have to give recruits information on your team, this can include going to the schools and dropping off materials. You can also have a contact coach at the school to give out information to get more prospects. Or you can publicize in the paper to get the information out about your team.

### **Donations**

Send donations to Leroy Schell/Sam Fruttoso (earmarked as such) to:  
Ladies Auxiliary VFW-Ohio, P.O. Box 15730, Columbus, OH 43215

### **Resources for Chairmen, Teachers and Students**

Websites: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org)

I will offer rewards to the Auxiliaries who do the best job recruiting as follows:

### **Mid- Winter Conference**

Citation to all Auxiliaries making a donation to the Schell/Fruttoso Fund by December 31, 2011.

### **June Convention**

Award to the Auxiliary in each membership group with the best promotion of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests

Award to the District Chairman with the best promotion of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen.

Let' start planning for the January Mid-Winter conference were the Big Ten Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Champion will be named. And then lets cheer are Ohio Winners on as they go for a National Championship at the February National Mid-Winter Conference.



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